Alaska Local and Regional Information Workforce Info

Anchorage/Mat-Su Region





The Anchorage/Mat-Su Region is made up of the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Over half of the state's population lives in this region. Anchorage is the state's financial and commercial center as well as the major transportation hub. Mat-Su Borough is the fastest growing borough or census area in the state, largely due to its proximity to Anchorage.

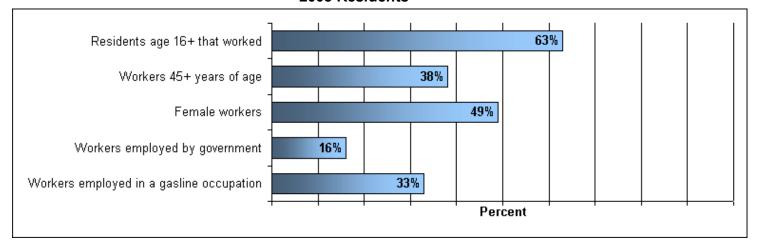
- ♦ The estimated population for 2008 was 367,509, a gain of about 47,904 since the 2000 Census.
- ♦ About 63 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 23 percent of the area's workers.
- ♦ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

| | Anchorage/Mat-Su Res | sident Snapshot (2008) | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------|
| Working Ag | Working Age Residents Wages | | iges |
| Residents age 16+ | 258,013 | 13 Total wages \$6,395 | |
| Resident Worker Characteristics | | Resident Workers by Sector | |
| Total | 162,943 | Private | 136,328 |
| Male | 82,329 | State government | 11,117 |
| Female | 80,453 | Local government | 15,513 |
| Age 45+ | 61,760 | Quarterly Number of Resident Workers | |
| Age 50+ | 42,179 | Peak (2nd) quarter workers | 145,965 |
| | | Percent working all 4 quarters | 71.7% |
| Unemp | loyment | Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008) | |
| UI Claimants | 18,170 | Some construction | 26,734 |
| | | At least 1 year construction | 16,580 |
| New Hires | | At least 2 years construction | 11,123 |
| New hires | 57,270 | Worked in an AGIA occupation | 108,156 |

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2008 Residents

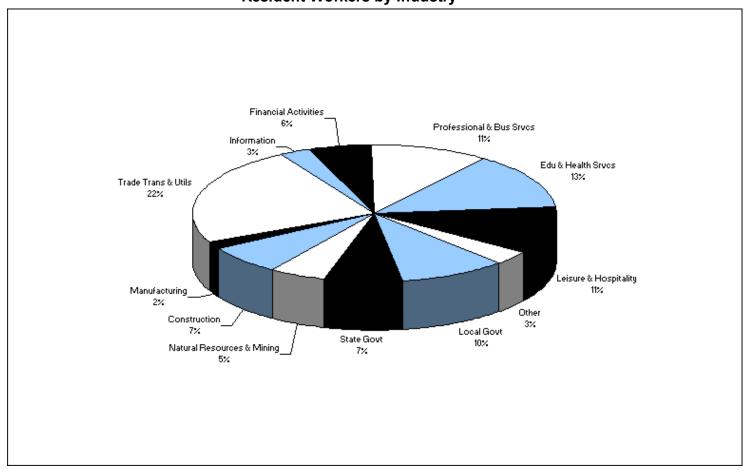


Top Occupations

| | Number | | | |
|---|----------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | employed | Percent female | Age 45+ | Age 50+ |
| Retail Salespersons | 6,684 | 56.6% | 1,749 | 1,298 |
| Cashiers | 4,198 | 66.7% | 939 | 597 |
| Office Clerks, General AGIA | 3,811 | 79.2% | 1,458 | 1,029 |
| Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food | 3,500 | 55.7% | 287 | 181 |
| Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA | 3,106 | 77.9% | 1,067 | 742 |
| Registered Nurses HOT JOB | 2,575 | 90.8% | 1,447 | 1,059 |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA | 2,293 | 36.9% | 1,122 | 813 |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks AGIA HOT JOB | 2,275 | 88.1% | 1,019 | 680 |
| Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants AGIA HOT JOB | 2,224 | 90.2% | 1,005 | 705 |
| Waiters and Waitresses | 2,167 | 72.9% | 428 | 256 |
| Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB | 2,160 | 10.6% | 506 | 290 |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA | 2,063 | 13.5% | 470 | 291 |
| General and Operations Managers | 1,951 | 37.8% | 1,076 | 775 |
| Customer Service Representatives | 1,791 | 75.2% | 528 | 372 |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks AGIA | 1,771 | 91.8% | 473 | 323 |
| Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education | 1,730 | 65.9% | 786 | 544 |
| Teachers and Instructors, All Other | 1,663 | 72.6% | 924 | 704 |
| Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB | 1,561 | 2.4% | 524 | 326 |
| Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA | 1,549 | 79.3% | 642 | 422 |
| Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB | 1,482 | 4.1% | 780 | 506 |

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

| | Number | | _ | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | employed | Percent female | Age 45+ | Age 50+ |
| Natural Resources and Mining | 7,994 | 17.4% | 3,448 | 2,285 |
| Construction | 11,477 | 13.4% | 3,876 | 2,448 |
| Manufacturing | 2,741 | 26.3% | 992 | 645 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 37,794 | 41.1% | 13,056 | 8,730 |
| Information | 4,883 | 45.4% | 1,926 | 1,252 |
| Financial Activities | 9,032 | 65.0% | 3,119 | 2,117 |
| Professional and Business Services | 17,190 | 46.2% | 6,390 | 4,330 |
| Educational and Health Services | 21,673 | 78.0% | 8,800 | 6,188 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 17,733 | 52.9% | 3,795 | 2,527 |
| State Government | 11,116 | 53.2% | 6,117 | 4,407 |
| Local Government | 15,512 | 63.1% | 8,222 | 5,829 |
| Other | 5,571 | 57.3% | 1,972 | 1,391 |

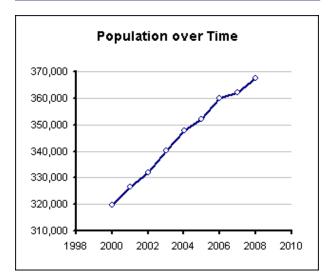
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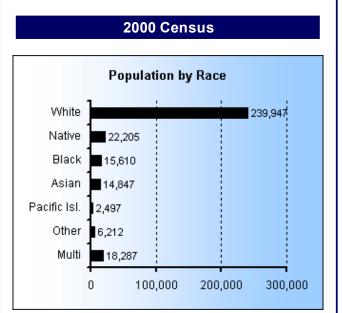
| | Recen | t Unemployment Sta | ntistics | |
|---|---------|--------------------|----------|---------|
| | 03/2009 | 04/2009 | 05/2009 | 06/2009 |
| UI Claimants** | 10,693 | 10,880 | 9,962 | 9,306 |
| Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted) | 8.1% | 7.3% | 7.4% | 7.9% |

^{**}UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

| State of AK (excludes U of A) |
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| Anch School District 9011 |
| Providence Hospital Payroll |
| Municipality of Anch Payroll |
| Mat Su Borough Schools |
| University of AK |
| Wal-Mart Associates Inc |
| Safeway Inc |
| Fred Meyer Stores Inc |
| Nana Management Services LLC |
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(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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